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FORUM

Does Dr. Jack Kevorkian's punishment fit his crime?

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The Student Newspaper of The University of Texas-Pan American

Communication students Attend honors conferences

Special to *The Pan American*

For the sixth consecutive year UTPA Communication Department student scholars have had their original research accepted in juried competition in honors communication conferences.

Beverly Bendiks, second year Master's Degree candidate in Speech Communication presented her paper titled "The Gay Scene Meets the Silver Screen: Effects of American Cinema on the Male Homosexual Stereotype" at the tenth annual "Sooners Communication Conference" at the University of Oklahoma on March 26-27. Bendiks conducted her original research in a graduate seminar in Contemporary Rhetorical Theory and Criticism, directed by Dr. George C. McLemore, Assistant Professor in the Communication Department.

Amanda Propst, graduating senior in Organizational Communication had two research and writing projects accepted for presentation: "A Rhetorical Evaluation and Critique of MTV's 'The Real World'," was also presented at the Sooner Conference. Propst's presented her second paper, "Collaboration: The Key To A Successful Patient-Physician Relationship," directed by Dr. Jeffrey McQuillen in his course in Health Communication, to the annual meeting of the Southern Speech Communication Association in St. Louis on April 10-12.



From left: Beverly Bendiks and Amanda Propst

NEW AND NEWER ...



Freshman Monica Ovalle looks on as the new addition to the University Library sets the background. Underclassmen and the rest of the student body will be able to utilize the new facility in the coming months.

-Shane James

Gay students protest at Albany State University

College Press Exchange

ALBANY, N.Y.- About 200 gay, lesbian and bisexual students at Albany State University wore purple "Teletubbies" antennas on their heads and rallied to support proposed state hate crimes legislation.

Saturday's demonstration ended a weekend of workshops focused on homosexuality at the 1999 Eastern United States Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Conference. The conference featured workshops such as "living as a legally married, same-sex couple in New York state."

Campus demonstrators at the rally donned the purple antennas to poke fun at the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who denounced the "Teletubbies" children's television program in February. The paper published an article stating that one of the show's characters, Tinky-Winky, is a homosexual role model because he carries a purse and wears an antenna in the shape of an inverted triangle on his head.

At the rally, conference organizers said they would present signed petitions to Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno of Brunswick, urging him to bring the hate crimes legislation to the Senate floor.

New York's Assembly approved legislation enacting tougher penalties against people convicted of crimes targeting people on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability, age or sexual orientation.

Fire in Everglades closes major highway for second day

College Press Exchange

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — South Florida's main east-west highway was closed for a second day Monday as a fire fueled by dry grass continued to blaze through the Everglades, its span widening to 90,000 acres.

There was no indication when smoke would lift off Interstate 75, allowing state authorities to reopen about 60 miles of the route. The fire was worse Monday than it had been during the two previous days, authorities said. The blaze produced so much smoke that the sky was darkened in the Fort Lauderdale and Miami areas

on Saturday, forcing drivers to turn on their headlights at midday.

Officials said erratic winds and dry, warm weather expected throughout the region for the next two days will likely lead to more fires.

The fire began on the Everglades' western edge Saturday, possibly ignited by a vehicle's catalytic converter. Fanned by erratic, swirling wind, it quickly became the largest of more than 2,450 blazes that have burned 130,000 acres in the state this year.



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UTPA students, faculty, and staff:
I am writing this letter to let you know that Student Government Association (SGA) began a new phase of leadership last Thursday. I believe it is also important to inform you as to what last year's SGA accomplished, under the leadership of President Francisco J. Zaleta and Vice President Monica M. Treviño.

To name a few of their accomplishments: Issuing over 1000 Freshman Welcome Postcards; completing a computer survey; hosting "Meet the President" - an event that made Dr. Miguel Nevárez more accessible to all students and gave them the opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions; sponsoring "Adopt an Angel"; awarding multiple scholarships;

bringing clubs and organizations together through "Building Bridges"; placing a copy machine in the Engineering Building; hosting a forum attended by Senator Eddie Lucio on the importance of being politically informed; sponsoring Tolerance Week; suggesting improvements for housing on campus; sponsoring clothing drives for the victims of hurricanes; and hosting recruitment fairs and coordinated outreaches for UTPA students.

As you can see, last year's SGA was very busy, and those are just the tip of the iceberg. This year, we hope to be even busier!! Although Chalam and I just took office last Thursday, we are already working to bring you a better PanAm. We will keep true to our campaign promises and

make sure that SGA remains a student organization run by students for students. We ask you to make suggestions and invite you to stop by the SGA office (located in UC 322) anytime. Finally, we want to thank everyone who voted in campus elections on March 9-10. From the greatly increased voter turnout, we know that the students are dedicated to making PanAm a first rate university. Congratulations to Francisco Zaleta, Monica Treviño, and all last year's SGA members for being so successful on campus; rest assured this administration will follow their lead. Expect Change!

-Heather Henkel
President, SGA

You're going to hate this article

By **JASON MILLER**
The Daily Vidette

I hate a lot of people.

I hate individuals without humility. I hate slow drivers. I hate middle class people who complain about not being rich enough. I hate people who push buttons on elevators more than once. I hate those who do not win. I hate people who impose their opinion on others and who do not know when to shut up. I hate you, and the person next to you.

I hate people for a sort of reasons, but one thing I do not do is hate people for stupid, superficial reasons like ethnicity, gender or sexual preference. I believe that if you take the time to get to know someone, you will find plenty of good reasons to hate them.

While prejudice is reprehensible, I do not believe crimes committed because of prejudice should be any more important than other crimes. Hate crime laws are unnecessary.

I do not want to be misunderstood; I am not condoning bigotry by any means. I still think individuals who discriminate should be social outcasts.

I just do not think ignorance should be a crime.

Hate crime laws are a value judgement of a crime's motivation. The laws send a message there are acceptable and unacceptable reasons to commit a crime.

Society already forgives those who murder an abusive parent or lover. Is it any more acceptable to commit crimes against criminals, poor people or unpopular ethnicities?

Though hate crime cause more serious problems than simply sending a negative philosophical message.

Hate crime laws provide certain segments of the population more protection

than others. No individuals deserve preferential treatment from our law enforcement.

Rich people hire a team of lawyers and the public complains about an unfair legal system. However, rich people have the right to spend their money on whatever they want.

Hate crime laws will simply create a more subjective legal system.

The current hate crimes law bans only crimes based on religion, race and ethnicity. The Hate Crimes Prevention Act being pushed by Clinton right now will add the categories of sexual orientation, gender and disability.

The additional categories are just the beginning. Frankly, if there are any hate crime laws at all, there should at least be more. Why are crimes against overweight individuals and abortion doctors not considered hate crimes?

Pretty soon, almost any individual will qualify for protection under a hate crime law. After this article, I may need some added protection.

Despite being morally wrong and potentially damaging, hate crime laws are also ineffective.

The laws are intended to prevent crime and alter public opinion.

However, punishing criminals after crimes having been committed has not proven to help anything.

Statistics show that jail sentences do not work as a deterrent against any type of crime. Individuals ignorant enough to commit a hate crime are certainly not going to have the foresight to consider the consequences.

The way to prevent hate crimes is to educate individu-

als before it is too late.

President Clinton is backing a partnership between industry, education and our government to educate middle-school students and promote tolerance. Programs such as these need to reach people before their ideals are too deeply embedded.

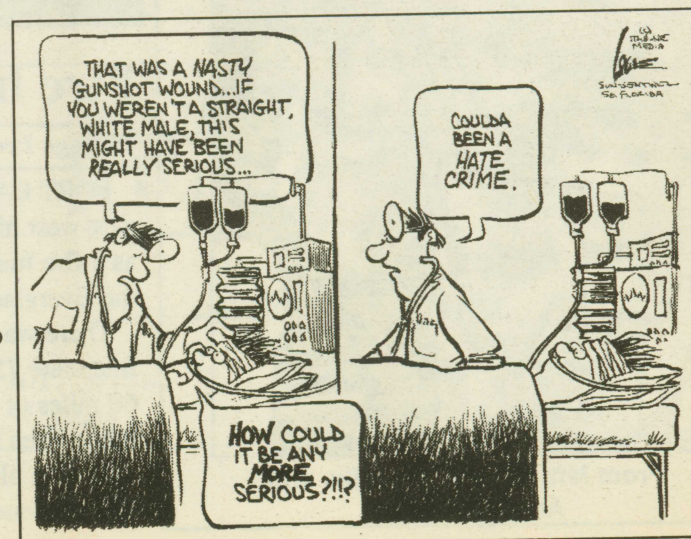
Elementary schools first need to better educate students about other cultures of the world - a particularly weak point in American education. A better understanding of the other cultures will not only create more well-rounded children, but it will also reduce the amount of ignorance that causes stereotypes and discrimination.

However, lessons on world history alone are not enough.

Students need to be taught that stereotypes are all a part of being human. People automatically use stereotypes to categorize all the stimuli we receive each day.

If children understand stereotyping is not always bad, they will be better prepared to handle their own instincts.

While some class on tolerance will not wipe away all of our problems immediately, more jails didn't save Matthew Shepherd or James Byrd.



FORUM

Does Kevorkian deserve to spend 10-25 years in prison?

With the news on that Dr. Jack Kevorkian had been sentenced to 10 to 25 years in prison for the murder of Thomas Youk, the scornful tone of most media coverage at last exercised a tangible effect on the life of the doctor.

By TED MANN

Washington Square News

Television news-magazines tittered at the prospect of analyzing the downfall of a prominent figure in the news of the 1990s, a man who brashly championed suicide — an act long considered by Western society to be a coward's escape.

American society regards suicide to be an act of weakness, while dismissing the possibility of it being justified. Unlike posthumous reflections about those who have succumbed naturally to the infirmities of age or to tragic, sudden demise, memorials of suicidal victims are generally focused on the family left behind, as if it is universally understood that the principal result of suicide is the punishment and embarrassment of one's loved ones.

Kevorkian and supporters of euthanasia see suicide as a dignified exit from the pain and darkness of terminal disease. The people for whom Kevorkian built his "suicide machine" were terrorized by the prospect of incurable, degrading illness, of lives that would end in years of suffering, confined to wheelchairs and beds, unable to partake in

throwing in the towel rather than wasting away in hospitals or at home, not truly alive.

The insinuation by Kevorkian's critics that he is "killing people" is a fallacy. The possibility of euthanasia does not convince any individual or family to go to such extreme measures. Kevorkian provides his services to those who otherwise would kill

made possible his fame.

There is much more to this case than simple lawlessness. It is time someone stopped to consider the issue with an open mind, and without focusing solely on the actions of one doctor.

Many ancient societies, most notably Japan's, regarded suicide as an appropriate escape from an inappropriate, shameful position. Supporters of assisted suicide advocate a similar stance on suicide. Those who Kevorkian help are those whose fates have long

receive the undying enthusiasm with which it was embraced by Kevorkian. As is often the case with activists rebelling against a widely-held standard, he considers his name before his cause, as was evidenced by the televised death of Youk, broadcast on "60 Minutes." Kevorkian sensationalized what should have been a very private moment.

The validity of euthanasia has not been changed by the actions of one retired pathologist. People are still in pain, and while many would never choose to go the route of Youk, there are some who feel, wholeheartedly that they have reached their personal limits, that they would have it no other way.

It is not the place of government to force them to persist, drugged and incapacitated, until machines and modern science can no longer preserve their bodies. At some point, individual liberty must be respected. It is one of the few things some have left.

"There is much more to this case than simple lawlessness. It is time . . . to consider the issue with an open mind, and without focusing solely on the actions of one doctor."

— Ted Mann

life's most basic routines.

Kevorkian's original intent was to make the dignity of those who would eventually die the priority in the final years of their lives. He made it his work to offer the people who contacted him a way of leaving at the right time, of

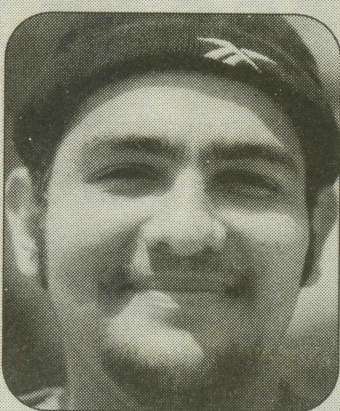
themselves in painful, prolonged ways.

The judge in Kevorkian's case preferred to ignore the issue. Kevorkian's notoriety blinded the eyes of the judge, who talked about the famous doctor's affront to the law, but not about the dilemma that has

ago been sealed.

It is these people who feel that the indignity of being unable to sustain joy from life who are too ill to entertain the chance of recovery, or even of contentment, that Kevorkian allows gives assistance.

Assisted suicide will never



Yes...

Adrian Barajas
Sophomore
Marketing

He's a killer. Even if he did have the person's consent, he is still a killer and should be punished as such.

Albino Lozano
Junior
Pre-Medical

He's been told that he shouldn't assist in suicides. Therefore, he should be punished even if his intentions were good.

Aida Smith
Junior
Interdisciplinary
Studies

He shouldn't be killing people. He deserves (to spend time in prison) for committing murder.



No...

Allison Jacobs
Junior
Communication
Disorders

I think people have the right to be able to make their own decisions on how they want their lives to end.

Venessa Rodriguez
Freshman
Anthropology

The way we live our lives, the way we choose to die is above the law. They are taking (his punishment) to its extreme.

APRIL

21-23 ART EXHIBITION: UTPA Art Galleries present "Art Mart" featuring works by Fidel Aleman through April 23 in the Clark Art Gallery. Reception will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. April 22 at the Clark Art Gallery.

21-30 ART EXHIBIT: UTPA Art Galleries present "Lux Divina," a Bachelor of Fine Art Exhibition featuring works by Corinne Brown and Aleida Garcia through April 30 in the University Gallery in the COAS Building.

21 BAKE SALE: The Anthropology Club is holding a bake sale from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the SBSC lobby.

21 MUSICAL: Pan Am Night for the musical "Brigadoon" at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Students, faculty, and staff receive two free admissions with valid UTPA ID.

22 LECTURE: Dr. Rob Johnson is presenting a lecture on his book, "Fantasmas: Supernatural Tales by Mexican-American Writers" at Noon in COAS 268.

22-25 MUSICAL: The Music Department and the University Theatre are presenting the musical

"Brigadoon" at 8 p.m. Thursday - Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

22 ACTIVITY: The Office of the Dean of Students, in collaboration with Credit Counseling Services will offer free credit counseling from Noon - 1:30 p.m. in UC 307 and 307-A. To make an appointment, call 381-2659.

22 ART RECEPTION: UTPA Art Galleries present a reception for Fidel Aleman from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Clark Gallery.

22 MEETING: The Fencing Club is meeting from 8 - 10 p.m. in the Dance Hall.

26 ART EXHIBITION: UTPA Art Galleries present the Bachelor of Fine Arts Group Exhibition through May 8 in the Clark Art Gallery.

26 CAREER DAY: The Office of Placement & Cooperative Education is sponsoring a Health Career Day from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom.

26 CLINIC: The WIC Mobile Unit will be parked in front of Emilia Hall from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. WIC provides services for university students, faculty, and staff who are pregnant, or have children under 5 years of age.

27 HEALTH FAIR: Student Health Services is hosting the Spring Fling Health Fair from 10 a.m. - 3

p.m. in the University Ballroom. There will be free health giveaways, health information, blood pressure screening, blood sugar screening, and much more.

27 MEETING: The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society is meeting at Noon in the Science Building, room 1.288. Everyone is welcome to attend.

27 CONCERT: The Music Department is presenting a UTPA Choir Concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

27 MEETING: The Fencing Club is meeting from 8 - 10 p.m. in the Dance Hall.

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UTPA Theatre	381-3581

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Discussion on Mexican criminal justice to be held today

Special to *The Pan American*

Officials from the State Human Rights Commission from Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, will hold a discussion titled "Mexican Criminal Justice: As It Should Be/As It Actually Is" at 2:30 p.m. today in the Social Behavioral Sciences Building Auditorium, Room 101.

The presentation, which will

be conducted in English, will offer an opportunity for students and the rest of the campus community to develop a better understanding of the Mexican criminal justice system.

Topics such as real world judicial proceedings, the dynamic relationship between the formal world and the informal world of bribes and political influence, the differ-

ence between an indulto and an amparo, the legal meaning of a fuero, and the relationship between the State Human Rights Commission and the non-governmental Center for Border Studies and the Promotion of Human Rights will be discussed.

The presentation is sponsored by the UTPA Department of Criminal Justice.

Washington tries to build support In NATO for Yugoslav oil embargo

College Press Exchange

WASHINGTON — The United States moved to build support among its NATO allies for an oil blockade against Yugoslavia, but officials acknowledged resistance to the plan.

White House and State Department officials said they believed denying President Milosevic petroleum products would reduce his ability to wage war already degraded by NATO air strikes.

"We do believe that it's appropriate to take all possible steps to deny Belgrade the access to petroleum, oil and lubricants . . . that contribute to Belgrade's war machine," State Department spokesman James Rubin said.

He noted that air strikes had already done significant damage to Belgrade's own oil refining capabilities, but said to truly suppress Milosevic's war-making ability the outside supply of such products had to be halted, a position echoed at the White House.

"We think it's important that we work within NATO and the alliance to make sure that as we choke it off on the ground, we stop supplies from coming in from the outside," spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

"Petroleum, oil (and) lubricants are necessary for their ability to wage war."

Rubin, calling Belgrade's military "evil," said Secretary of State Madeleine Albright began lobbying for the oil cut-off over the weekend with telephone calls to her European colleagues.

Rubin indicated that while some NATO members agree that Belgrade's oil supply should be reduced, they were not in favor of the move.

"This is something we're discussing (in NATO)," he said. "But we haven't settled on the exact approach. Remember, we're consulting with 18 other countries in NATO to try to pursue this, and so that is something we will continue to pursue in Brussels."

"We believe all our allies

see the wisdom of pursuing this objective, and we're discussing ways in which to pursue it in NATO."

Lockhart said Washington's position was that no new UN mandate was necessary as a UN arms embargo against Belgrade is already in effect.

"Our basis (for the blockade) is that there already is a United Nations' resolution banning any importing of military supplies . . . and we believe that the petroleum is an essential element and is covered under the UN resolution," Lockhart said.

Critics have noted that a blockade might unintentionally harm Montenegro, Serbia's minor partner in the Yugoslav Republic, in which the country's only port is located.

Montenegro has distanced itself from Belgrade over Kosovo and NATO has repeatedly praised its government for that stance.

Rubin reiterated U.S. support for Montenegro and stressed that the denial of access might not necessarily take the form of a blockade.

He said the term "blockade" was "very loaded" and wanted to avoid it, maintaining that a variety of options were being studied.

Meanwhile, China repeated its calls for an immediate end to NATO strikes against Yugoslavia, adding it solutions regarding Kosovo being imposed on Belgrade.

"As for now it is a matter of priority for NATO to cease immediately its military actions against Yugoslavia," said Chinese ambassador Qin Huasun.

"We are deeply concerned by the deterioration of the situation in the Balkan region caused by the continued NATO military strikes against Yugoslavia," he continued.

Moreover, Qin added, "we are against imposing any solution on Yugoslavia."

China, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, has bitterly criticized the NATO air strikes launched on March 24 as interference in another country's affairs.

Advertising pioneer lectures at UTPA

Special to *The Pan American*

Dalia Almanza-Smith, pioneering entrepreneur in the advertising industry, lectured Tuesday night in the BUSA building.

"She is a good example of what a person can do once they put their mind to it," said Rosie Falcon, career day coordinator for the UTPA College of Business Administration. "Because Dalia is from the Valley, our students can relate to her and learn from her life experiences."

Smith is a pioneer in the advertising industry with her introduction of "free postcards" as an advertising medium in the United States. Upon her return from a two-month honeymoon in Europe in 1994, where free postcards are an established medium, Dalia

started her own free postcard company. Today, the free postcard business has blossomed into a \$12-\$15 million industry.

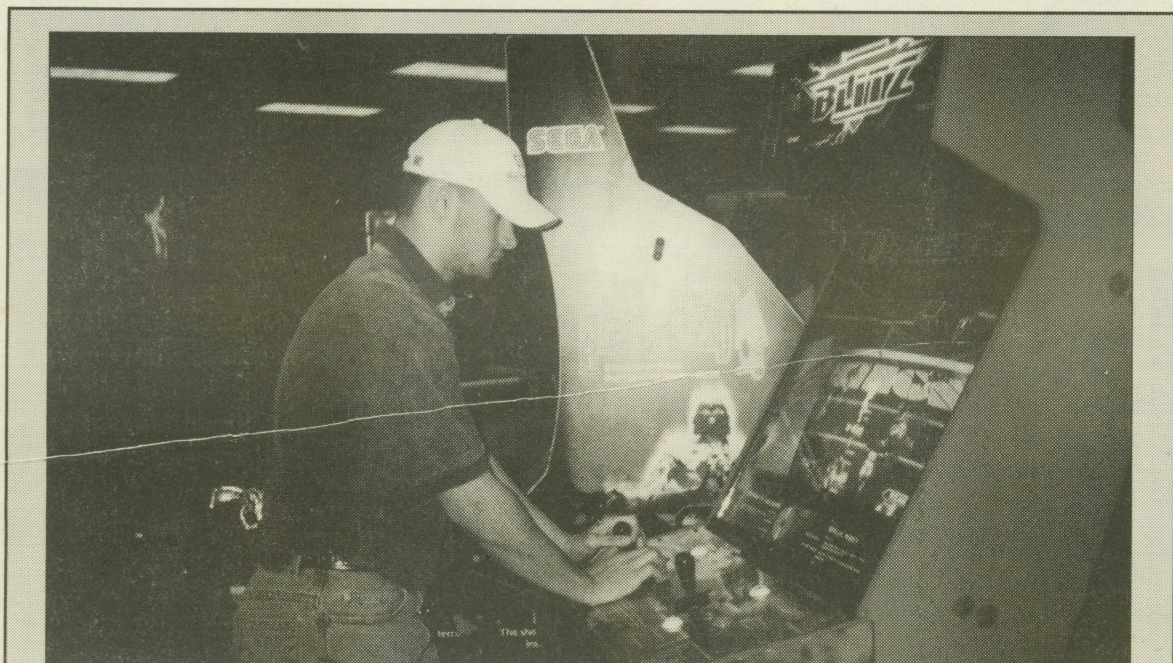
She was recently profiled in the New York Times and her business, HotStamp Free Postcards (Philadelphia, Washington, Atlanta and Boston markets), formerly known as GoCard Free Postcards, has been featured in the Washington Post, the Boston Globe, the Washington Times, the Washington Business Journal, the Baltimore Sun and Latina Style Magazine.

Smith has also been featured on television shows that feature entrepreneurs. She recently received the 1998 Business Award from HISPANIC Magazine as part of their Latina Excellence Awards

Program. Her clients include Volkswagen, L'OREAL, Miller Brewing Company, Biore, National Geographic, Heineken USA, Kobrand, Fortune Magazine, People Magazine, The National Fluid Milk Promotion Board and IOMEGA.

Smith is a graduate of Michigan State University, where she majored in advertising. She has sat on a number of boards, including the America Australia Association and the Washington D.C. YMCA and is a member of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

She also volunteers her time as mentor for disadvantaged, inner-city youths in the Washington D.C. area. She is a native of Mercedes, Texas, she currently resides in the Washington D.C. metro area.

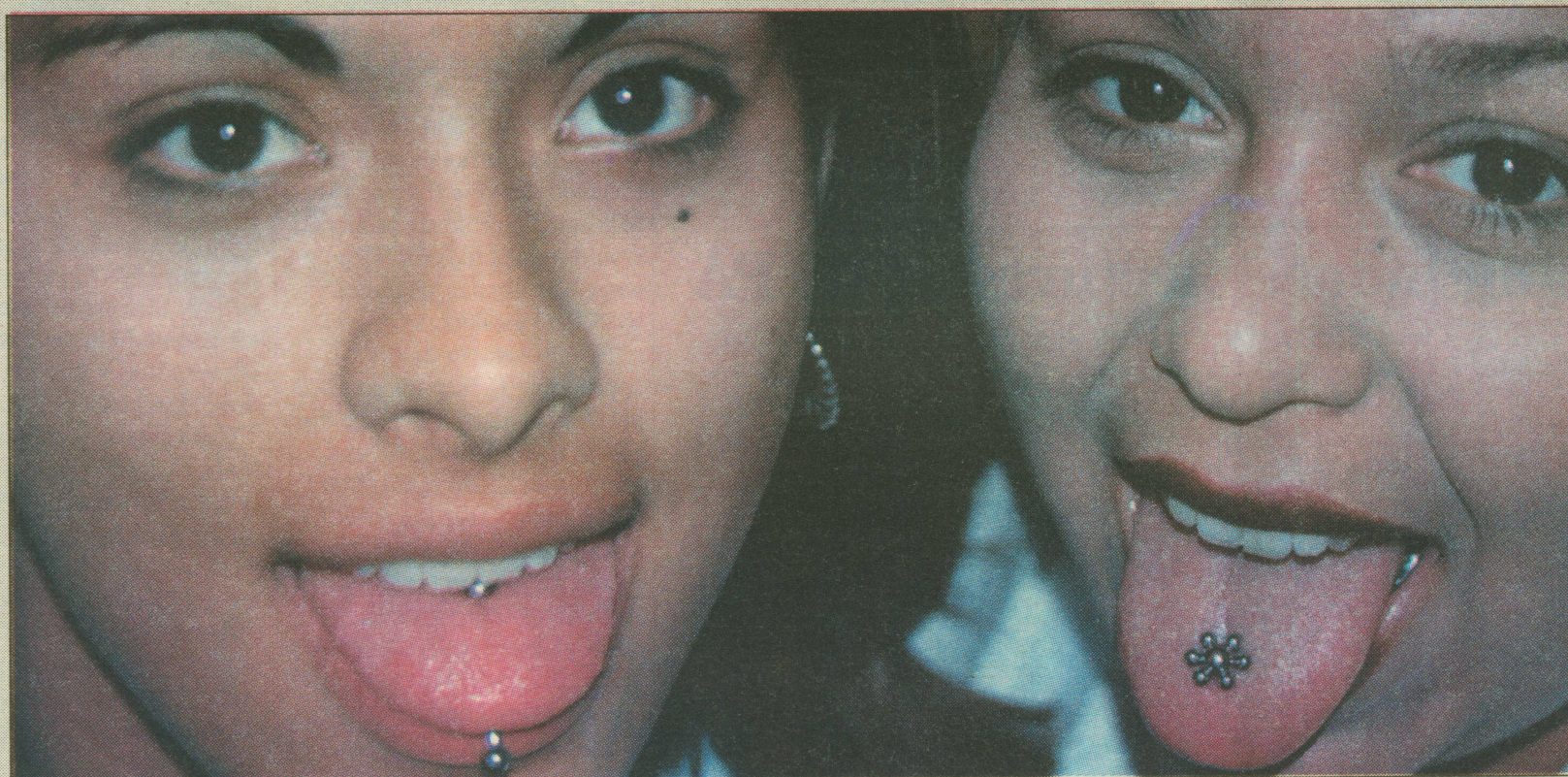


— Karla Quintanilla

Erik Flores, taking a break from the pressures of class, plays a video game at the University Center.

BODY CANVAS

by
Adrian
F.
Treviño



Glenda Saenz (left) and Yvonne Ruiz show us the tongue rings they got their first semester at UTPA.



Left: Peter Rios displays his sun tag.

Right: Sarah Voss reveals her sun tattoo.



Cheveron Terry shows off her nickname.



Monica Hinojosa (left) displays her tribal tag while Albert Garza (right) shows us the name of his band.

Staff Profile



Paula Berkley

- Yolanda O. Guerreo

Paula Berkley has been working at UTPA for years since her arrival in the Valley. She first started working at UTPA in 1980 and worked at the Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development. She then began working at the university's police department and is currently the secretary to the vice president of Business Affairs. While working at UTPA, Ms. Berkley has been dedicated at obtaining her undergraduate degree, which she will receive this December with a major in Spanish and minor in Business. She hopes to continue working at UTPA after graduation.

POSITION: Secretary to the Vice-President of Business Affairs

YOUR KEY TO SUCCESS: Education and dedication

TRAIT YOU ADMIRE IN A PERSON: Honesty

TRAIT YOU LEAST ADMIRE: Laziness

WORDS YOU LIVE BY: Try to do what's right

QUALITY MOST NECESSARY IN YOUR JOB: Flexibility

USUAL STATE OF YOUR DESKTOP: Neat and orderly

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB: The people

WHAT YOU LIKE LEAST ABOUT YOUR JOB: Deadlines

THE LAST BOOK YOU READ: A political science textbook

YOUR IDEA OF HAPPINESS: Being able to deal effectively with difficulties with a smile on your face.

BEST ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Study, do your homework

NOW founder speaks at UTPA

STAFF REPORT

The Pan American

Sonia Pressman Fuentes, one of the founders of the National Organization for Women (NOW), spoke on the "The Women's Movement" before a group of students, faculty and staff Monday night.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Cornell University, Fuentes went on to graduate summa cum laude at the University of Miami (Florida) School of Law in 1957, making her part of the 3% minority of women in law at that time.

Ms. Fuentes was first hired by the U.S. Justice Department, which at the time was the only entity that would hire women lawyers, but soon realized that she needed to do more. "I thought that there should be a purpose with my life since I was saved from the holocaust," she stated, "but I didn't know what." In 1965, Sonia Pressman Fuentes joined the General Counsel's Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) as its first woman attorney.

Forty years since women were given the right to vote, the majority of the 1960s populace believed that women were not to be opinionated, not expected to get an education, their career choices were limited to nursing, airline stewardesses, waitressing and teaching, said Fuentes. Men held corporate jobs, were the heads of households, were expected to make the majority of the family's income and had little to do with household chores. "Whenever I mentioned women's rights," Fuentes states, "it was followed by laughter. The idea of women's rights was compared to the right of animals to wear clothing."

According to Fuentes, the Sexual Revolution began December 1961 when President Kennedy appointed Eleanor Roosevelt as chair of the President's Commission on the Status of Women. In 1963 Congress passed the Equal Pay Act which included the landmark Title VII.

Title VII brought up several key questions. Was it fair to limit the number of hours women could work, or to limit the amount of weight that women could carry versus men? Could teachers work while they were pregnant, thus allowing their students to know that they had taken part in sexual intercourse? Should airlines and other corporations be allowed to fire stewardesses after they reached a certain age or became pregnant or married?

The issues brought up by Title VII split women's opinions. "Some

[women] were afraid that women would be exploited, others, such as myself, thought that the laws were outdated and needed to be changed," Fuentes said.

"My boss called me a sex maniac," Fuentes explains, "because whenever new issues were brought up I would introduce women's rights into the picture."

It was at this time that Fuentes met Betty Friedan, the author of "The Feminine Mystique." Friedan had intended to do a follow up to her first book documenting how far women had come. However, upon speaking to Fuentes, Friedan found that essentially nothing had changed. Fuentes was frustrated at the lack of initiative that the EEOC had in implementing the equal opportunity laws. Led by Betty Friedan, 54 women and men, including Fuentes, came together and created NOW.

Today large numbers of women hold professional jobs, executive suits as well as carpenters, taxi cab and truck drivers. Women own one-third of businesses. For the first time, clinical studies are acknowledging the differences between the sexes.

"There are a variety of new issues but that is part of the fallout that comes with change," said Fuentes. "It's much tougher to change attitudes than to change laws. We need more interchange between the generations of women as well as between women and men. We must remember that women's rights are indivisible from men's rights."

The crowd that attended was small but their feedback was positive.

"It's great to have a speaker of such caliber," said Elizabeth Ortega, after the event. "However it is unfortunate that the interest of the student body, particularly the women, is quite low. It questions the involvement and the fight for the right of women."



Sonia Pressman-Fuentes

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— Shane James

Senior Education major Idani Salinas plays the clarinet during rehearsal class at the fine Arts complex.

UTPA teacher job fair a success

Special to *The Pan American*

School district representatives from across the state gathered at the Field House Thursday in the hopes of recruiting high caliber teachers from the UTPA annual Teacher Job Fair.

"I'm hoping to recruit some good bilingual teachers," said Mona Smith, Lamar Consolidated Independent School District representative. "There is always a strong need for teachers here in Texas."

About 50 school districts from throughout the state and a few from other parts of the country participated in the event, said Enedelia P. Kidd, director of the UTPA Office of Placement and Cooperative Education.

"We've spoken to some really good and promising candidates here," Smith said. "We are hoping to find some teachers to fill positions in math, science and secondary level."

Joel Estrada, a 1994 UTPA graduate from Mission, said he attended the UTPA job fair two years ago where he found a teaching job in the Dallas area.

"The job fair was very useful," Estrada said. "I took the job in Dallas, but now I'm hoping to find another position somewhere in the Valley."

Caroline Norquest, a 1996 UTPA graduate from Edinburg, said she was scouting out the school districts in hopes of finding an elementary position.

"I've spoken to several school districts and the job hunt is going okay,"

said Norquest. "I'm hoping to find something in the Valley, but I'll consider taking something in San Antonio."

Many of the school districts gave out information about the field of education and their districts.

"We have about 300 student teachers per semester at our school district," said Aurelio Barbosa, Weslaco Independent School District representative. "We always get good quality students from UTPA. These graduates make great teachers, and we are very happy with what we are getting."

More than 50 school districts participated in the event including the Alice, Alief, Angleton, Arlington, Austin, Beeville, Brownsville, Bryan, Corpus Christi, Cypress-Fairbanks, Dallas, Dayton, Denton, Donna, Edinburg, Galena Park, Galveston, Garland, Goose Creek, Gregory-Portland, Harlandale, Harlingen and Hurst-Euless-Bedford school districts.

Also the Irving, Judson, La Joya, Lamar, Lufkin, Lyford, Mansfield, Mathis, McAllen, Mission, Pasadena, Pleasanton, Port Arthur, Progreso, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Raymondville, Rice, Rio Grande City, San Antonio, San Felipe Del Rio, South Texas, Spring, Tuloso-Midway, United Valley View, Victoria, Weslaco, Wichita Falls and Windham school district, Region I Education Service Center, Region III ESC and the Greenhill School.

Study finds U.S. getting cooler, wetter as world gets warmer

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — While the rest of the world is getting hotter, the continental United States has become cooler and a lot wetter in the past third of a century, according to a new federal study.

The new data, which detected a shift in the climate in the lower 48 states since 1966, runs counter to what many Americans have been feeling and what scientists have been theorizing.

Conducted by two researchers at the Climate Prediction Center, the study concludes the cooling has been subtle, variable and probably not statistically significant. It's barely one-thirtieth of a degree cooler per decade for the lower 48 states as a whole. In the northern

Midwest and west of the Rockies, it has gotten hotter, much hotter in Southern California. But it is cooler in the East and the lower Midwest.

There's been nothing subtle or variable about precipitation in the nation. It's been hard to miss. Nearly the entire country has been wetter. The United States has been getting nine-tenths of an inch more precipitation every decade since 1966.

"We can't really pin any of this on a definite physical cause," said study co-author Rich Tinker, a meteorologist at the Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

There's debate about what this means in the ongoing argument over global warm-

ing, the theory that humans are causing the climate to change, which has been widely accepted by science.

Skeptics of global warming say the study confirms what they thought: The world isn't getting hotter. But climate change theorists say this doesn't contradict global warming theory at all.

"Global warming doesn't mean that everywhere warms up at once, but rather there's complicated changes in weather," said Kevin Trenberth, head of climate analysis at the nonprofit National Center for Atmospheric Research. He said the arctic (including Alaska), Russia and Europe are warming tremendously.

The National Center for Atmospheric Research released the results of a new computer model that forecasts

that rain in the American Southwest and Great Plains will increase 40 percent and world temperatures will rise by 3 degrees over the next century because of increases in carbon dioxide emissions.

Climate change skeptic and former National Weather Service official S. Fred Singer, president of the Science and Environmental Policy Project, said the two studies highlight the differences in climate change theory.

"It depends on who you believe," Singer said. "Should you believe in the atmosphere or should you believe in the models. I prefer to believe in the atmosphere." Singer also said the U.S. weather study confirms earlier research.

But not all studies agree. David Easterling, principal scientist at the National

Climatic Data Center (which like the Climate Prediction Center is part of NOAA), said his agency's studies show that only the American Southeast is getting cooler. He said his study is based on longer-term data than Tinker's is — his goes back to 1900.

But some of Tinker's findings jibe with what other researchers have found. They all agree it's getting wetter, the winters are warmer and the falls are cooler with more precipitation.

Tinker said there's been an even more solid use of his study by forecasters at the Climate Prediction Center who put out long-range prognostications. Using his research, he said, the weather service devised this year's winter and spring predictions. They were the most accurate on record.

Associated Press

Ripken put on DL For the first time

BALTIMORE — Cal Ripken, baseball's Iron Man, was placed on the disabled list for the first time in his 19-year career because of a bad back.

The Baltimore Orioles third baseman missed his fourth game this season Sunday because of nerve irritation in his lower back. He was placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to Sunday.

Ripken, 38, woke up in agony Sunday morning and was treated Monday in Cleveland by Dr. Henry Bohlman, professor of orthopedics at Case Western University. Ripken received a cortisone shot and was advised to stay off the field for the next couple of weeks.

Ripken is batting only .178 and has five errors in eight games.

Tests results decide Strawberry's fate

NEW YORK — Darryl Strawberry's future depends on the results of his latest drug tests, due to be received by the commissioner's office sometime

this week.

The New York Yankees outfielder came through the first test OK, according to a published report on Tuesday.

The test indicated "there was no problem," *The Record* of Hackensack, N.J., reported, quoting sources said to be familiar with Strawberry's legal predicament.

Had the results revealed traces of a drug, Strawberry faced at least a six-month ban from baseball.

Strawberry was tested again during a weekend visit to New York when he met with officials of the players association, the commissioner's office and doctors. Strawberry has not tested positive for illegal drugs since 1995, the Yankees said last week.

Those close to Strawberry were confident that the latest tests will be fine as well, the newspaper said.

Jordan and Shinn agree To keep Silas as coach

EAST RUTHERFORD — The Charlotte Hornets ownership talks between Michael Jordan and George Shinn have gained momentum, and both men have tentatively agreed to retain interim coach Paul Silas, *The Charlotte Observer* reported.

The newspaper cited three unnamed

NBA sources, who said Jordan and Shinn are about to clear one of the major obstacles — the decision-making process — thought to be critical to their proposed 50-50 partnership.

The sources confirmed weekend reports in two New York newspapers that said the negotiations had reached the serious stage. And the sources said that among the things Shinn and Jordan have tentatively agreed upon is keeping Silas, who appears to be on the verge of receiving a long-term contract.

Redskins push for Youth movement

ASHBURN — Terry Allen, who holds Washington's single-season rushing record, was released Monday by the Redskins.

The move had been long expected. He missed six games last year with a sprained ankle.

By cutting him, the Redskins are spared from paying the last two years of the four-year, \$14.8-million contract Allen signed after his record-breaking season.

Allen's release is part of an overall youth movement pursued by the Redskins this offseason.

On Saturday, after they drafted

Champ Bailey with the seventh pick, they released cornerback Cris Dishman, 33.

Draft makes Newton Expendable in Dallas

DALLAS — Free-agent guard Nate Newton, whose future with the Dallas Cowboys has been especially uncertain since the NFL draft, might leave the team after 13 years.

Changes the Cowboys have made in their offensive line during the offseason, along with the economic impact of those changes, have also reduced Newton's value to the team, and according to *The Dallas Morning News*, he asked his agent to intensify the search for a new team.

Dallas coaching staff members have discussed putting Flozell Adams at left tackle, which would move Larry Allen back to guard, where he would join Everett McIver.

In the latest NFL draft, the Cowboys took two linemen and a blocking tight end, making Newton expendable.

Newton was a fixture on the Cowboy offensive line since 1986.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said earlier this year he wasn't sure Newton can be a starter in his 13th season.

Last season was his first as a non-starter.

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Warrick's accomplishments

Keep her ahead of the pack

By ELADIO JAIMEZ

The Pan American

Since coming to UTPA in 1996, distance runner Kacey Warrick continues to add to her track and field resume, quietly establishing herself as one of the Lady Broncs' premier athletes.

In her third year, Warrick has more than held her own in the 3,000, 5,000 and 10,000 meters.

Warrick set several goals coming into her junior year of competition.

"I hope I can get my time on the 10,000 down.

I would also like to improve my personal best time in the 3,000 at UT-Arlington next month.

My biggest goal is to qualify for finals, though. If I go compete at the Cardinal Qualifier in Stanford, I can come close to accomplishing that goal," said Warrick.

Warrick chose UTPA because of the established distance program. Up until UTPA's final year with the Sunbelt Conference, the Lady Broncs brought home six conference championships in cross-country.

Warrick also finds it easier to train in year-round warm climate in the Valley, which Warrick considers excellent for training purposes.

Provided she is cleared to red-shirt next year, Warrick

looks for two more years of eligibility. If UTPA could possibly find itself joining a conference in the next two years the extra year of eligibility could certainly pay off in that regard.

Given her accomplishments coming into the 98-99 season, Warrick's extra year should yield the same types of results.

As a sophomore, Warrick earned All-Conference honors finishing first in both the

me. She came in here at a very difficult time. It was hard to get adjusted to her techniques but she handled it very professionally. I've performed very well under her. I have two conference championships under her. I also earned All-Conference in the 3,000 and she is a huge reason for that," said Warrick.

Warrick's coaches feel the same way about her.

"Kacey is a great athlete. She is very competitive in a positive way. She always wants to improve herself. She doesn't back down. With the kind of schedule we have it is very hard to

stay focused and be competitive, but Kacey is very tenacious," said head coach Dana Colligan-Gutierrez.

Warrick was recruited out of Yoe High School in Cameron, Texas. While at Yoe, Warrick won five State 3A team championships and was a two-time state champ in both cross-country and the 1,600 meters.

In the fall, Warrick won the Southwest Texas State Cross Country Meet title. She placed second at the UT Cross Country Invitational and won the 3,000 meter run at the Mc Neese State Indoor Classic.

"Dana has been very good to me. She came in here at a very difficult time. It was hard to get adjusted to her techniques but she handled it very professionally."

—Kacey Warrick

10,000 and 5,000 meters with times of 37:50 and 17:42, respectively.

The time in the 5000 meters was good enough for a Lady Bronc indoor record.

She also earned All-Conference honors after placing fourth at the SBC Cross Country Championship.

In her freshman year, Warrick qualified for the NCAA District VI Championship. She earned individual All-Conference with a third place finish in the 5000 meter at the SBC Outdoor Championship. She also took first in the 5,000 at the Texas A&M Invitational.

Warrick attributes her success to God, her family, fiancée and her coaches.

"Dana has been very good to



—Bert Gonzalez

Kacey Warrick's progression as a Lady Bronc distance runner could leave her as one of the best female athletes ever at UTPA.

Fallen fighter looks for a new start outside prison walls

By BERNARD FERNANDEZ

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA - Nearly 11 months after his application for parole was denied by the New Jersey State Parole Board, former junior middleweight contender Tony Ayala Jr.

leaves Bayside State Prison in Leesburg, N.J., Tuesday to begin a new life that, well, is more of a resumption of a major part of his former life.

After spending three days as a free

man, his first three days outside prison walls in 16 years, Ayala, 36, will resume training Friday at the Front Street Gym with an eye toward a most improbable career renewal.

"I'm working out just as intensely now as I was (when his application for parole was denied)," Ayala told his former (and future) wife, Lisa, Sunday in response to a series of questions posed by the Daily News. "My desire and my focus have not changed."

What has changed is his determina-

tion not to repeat the sort of destructive behavior that landed him in prison in the first place. On April 13, 1983, a jury convicted "El Torito" - the Little Bull - of a variety of charges, the most serious of which was aggravated sexual assault. He was sentenced to 15 to 35 years, which later was reduced to 15 to 30 years.

Up for parole on May 21, 1998, Ayala instead was "maxed out" which means a prisoner must serve his full sentence.

By serving his full sentence, Ayala is to be granted unconditional release. He will not have to report to a parole officer, and there will be no restrictions on his movements.

Interest in him as a boxer will be immense. It seems impossible that even someone with Hall-of-Fame potential, can pick up where he left off.

Regardless of his reentry level, look for interest in Ayala to hit Tysonesque levels.

Weekly Sports Schedule

Today: Baseball – Broncs at Kansas State University, 2 p.m.

Thursday: Men's and Women's Outdoor Track – at Louisiana State University Last Chance Meet, Baton Rouge, La.

Friday: No sports scheduled

Saturday: Volleyball – at Spring Tournament, Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Sunday: No sports scheduled

Williams falls to fifth with no hard feelings

By GARY MEYER
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The fall was impossible to forecast when Ricky Williams finished his career as college football's all-time leading rusher. He was the best player in the NFL draft.

As the off-season progressed, it became apparent he would not go in the top three.

And it wasn't so much he went fifth Saturday to the Saints because that was only one spot lower than predicted. The shocker was the Colts passed on him to take another running back, Edgerrin James.

How can Williams, with 6,279 career yards, not even be the first back taken and have four other players go ahead of him? "At the very beginning I couldn't imagine it," Williams said. "It's not going to matter in a couple of months."

The Colts had James rated higher - they liked his outside speed and receiving skills. Also, the word was Williams' would be tough to sign.

Williams is represented by No Limit Sports, which was rapper

Master P's company. Leland Hardy, who will negotiate Williams' contract.

Still, Hardy said he expected Williams to be paid "commensurate" with what he called his status as the "greatest college player in the history of the sport."

Williams said he didn't think his choice of agents was the reason he fell. "They saw something in Edgerrin James they didn't see in me," he said.

But Williams didn't impress one personnel director with the way he handled himself since the end of the season. "He turned me off when he showed up 20 pounds overweight at the combine," he said.

Although everybody says Williams is a good guy, you wonder how the conservative NFL took to his dreadlocks and pierced tongue. When Williams had his long-awaited workout in San Diego, the personnel director called it "non-descript."

But shouldn't Williams be judged by what he did on the field in college, which was better than Tony

Dorsett, Walter Payton, Eric Dickerson, etc.?

"The last three months are important when we are scrutinizing the guy. Then he hires Master P for his agent. There is the whole image: Is this guy showing any maturity, is he taking this seriously?"

Williams said it would be "unfair to call it a nightmare." He displayed no sign of bitterness and said it was a dream come true to play in the NFL. "Why do players drop?" Saints GM Bill Kuharich said. "Why did Dan Marino go 27th?"

If the Colts were turned off by the money, it's the second time in three days they let it be a factor. That was a reason for trading Faulk. Was Williams' signability a factor?

"It might have had something to do with it," Colts coach Jim Mora said. "Because of who Ricky is and the stature he has, he might have been a little tougher guy to get done."

If Mike Ditka turns him into the next Payton, then he will be worth it.

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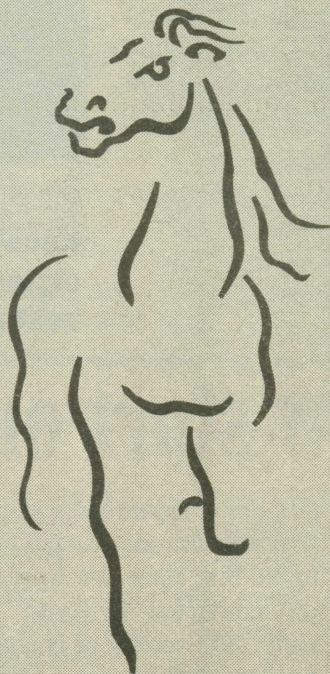
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